

24 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory

SUBJECT : Carlisle Highlights

1. I made the general point that from an intelligence stand-point the picture had changed rapidly, and faster than we expected, on the military aspects of power, and slower than we had expected on the political and economic front. I also said we did not feel the Soviet foreign policy had changed appreciably as a result of the Malenkov firing, or in any hard vs. soft sense. On the military side, I said we had upped our atomic stockpile estimate in one year by a factor of 15, for the same period. (I think I said 1957.) This is not too far off -- actually it was from an MT total of 25 (1953 estimate for 1957) to about 100 (NIE 11-4-54 estimate for 1957). However, the possibility that the whole potential would be multiplied by a factor of 5 to 25, at least as to part, gives me an out. 15 is kind of median figure, I hope I can say. This of course only if the question comes up.

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2. On other matters, there were several questions on German unification and several on Formosa. On the latter, I read the key conclusions on Chinese intentions, rebutting by inference a statement by Tick that the Chicoms would back down if they knew we would hit them even locally. The point was not made explicitly that only A-weapons would do the trick, though we did hit generally on the worldwide reaction to use of such weapons. Insofar as one could tell, the general sentiment seemed to be for absolute firmness on the offshore islands. The questioners on German unification seemed to overstress the growth in sentiment and to think the problem would have to be faced very soon. There were also loose hints in the direction of stirring up revolts in the Satellites, which I said was not policy, or using our military power in some undisclosed way to force a showdown and Soviet retreat in this area.

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